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TAGS: CASC, GY, (PEOPLE'S TEMPLE)

SUBJ: CONSULAR OFFICER'S VISIT TO JONESTOWN

REF: STATE 316509

1. CONSULAR OFFICER WHO VISITED JONESTOWN NOVEMBER 7 PLANNED TO
SUBMIT TELEGRAPHIC REPORT TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS THE CODEL LEFT
TOWN. SINCE NOTHING OF ANY (THEN) PERCEIVED SIGNIFICANCE TRANS-
PIRED DURING VISIT NO URGENCY WAS ATTACHED TO THE PREPARATION OF
SUCH A TELEGRAM. PLEASE SEE GEORGETOWN 3669 WHICH REFERS TO THE
FORTHCOMING PREPARATION OF SUCH A TELEGRAPHIC REPORT.

2. THEIR VERY FIRST MORNING IN TOWN, CONGRESSMAN RYAN AND BOTH
OF HIS STAFFERS WERE INVITED TO THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WHERE
THEY WERE BRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, THE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, CONSUL ELLICE, AND VICE CONSUL REECE.
REECE HAD ACCOMPANIED THE CONSUL ON HIS NOVEMBER 7 VISIT TO
JONESTOWN. AT THIS MEETING SLIDES WERE SHOWN THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN
BY THE DCM DURING HIS VISIT TO JONESTOWN MAY 10, 1978. THE
CONGRESSMAN AND HIS ASSISTANTS WERE ADVISED THAT CONSUL
ELLICE AND VICE CONSUL REECE HAD JUST VISITED JONESTOWN
AND THAT THEY STOOD READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE
CONGRESSMAN OR HIS STAFFERS MIGHT WISH TO POSE. NO
SUCH QUESTIONS WERE FORTHCOMING.

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3. REGARDING THE STATE OF HEALTH OF THE REVEREND
JIM JONES, THE PEOPLES TEMPLE REPRESENTATIVES IN
GEORGETOWN IN DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY
CODEL RYAN HAD GIVEN THE POOR STATE OF JONES' HEALTH
BECAUSE OF A RECENT "HEART ATTACK" AS ONE REASON THEY
CONSIDERED THE TIMING INOPPORTUNE. THIS WAS REFERRED TO
DURING CONVERSATIONS THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAD WITH
CONGRESSMAN RYAN ON NOVEMBER 15. JONES' PERSONAL
COMPLAINTS OF HIGH FEVER AND ILL HEALTH WERE ALSO MEN-
TIONED TO RYAN.

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